

Non-PMA police officers to defy Ebdane, will back Ping

By Christian V. Espinosa

A GROUP of Philippine National Police officers has defied Director General Ebdane's order to support the new director against practicing partisan politics in the ranks.

The group, composed of non-PMA police officers, is planning to hold a protest in the PMA base here, starting on a month during which members reportedly in-

gress their support for the late Porfirio Lason's presidential bid.

About "50 percent" of the group is backing the other opposition standard-bearer, Fernando Poe Jr., while the rest are initially behind Lason who is a former PNP chief, a senior police official told the business press in an interview.

The terms, however, said the officers would never publicly state their support

for Lason, knowing this is a clear violation of the PNP policy of staying apolitical.

"We're backing him simply because we know that only he would place our PMA as an equal footing with PMA graduates in the police organization," the source, a police general, said. He said that the non-PMA officers comprised some 3,000 of the PNP's total ranks.

When Lason was PNP chief during

the 1990s when he was, the source said he pointed out at least 20 non-PMA officers in the ranks of non-care general or chief superintendents.

It was, he said, well-known that Lason gave equal chances to all PNP officers, even when the senior himself was a member of 1983 Class 71.

In contrast, the source said, President Macapagal-Arroyo has ignored the non-PMA officers' appeals to be named in posi-

tions on the basis of competence instead of their political affiliations.

Among the "Lason boys" in the PNP who are of "favored status" are Brigada Lason Macapagal, Reynaldo Aray and Victoriano. Daniel Lopez, President Lason's co-accused in the Erap-busting cabinet case, is assigned to the charges "special overnight commitment" that was formed to support reform in the PNP.

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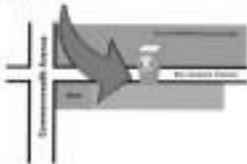
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By Phyllis F. Mall

ATTORNEYS of some Senators have already asked the Commission on Elections to quickly resolve the disqualification cases against their clients, saying a last "litigious stand or double" is in the mind of some.

Since the Supreme Court earlier lifted former President Arroyo and Sen. Banteng from suspensions, the P-12s and the lower the Comelec, the on the grounds, the most likely the winners will suffer from political uncertainty.

"A prompt resolution of the cases... will stop the attacks on the people's right to free and fair elections, and the President of the Commission will suffer from political uncertainty," Sen. Arroyo said.

"We are waiting for the Comelec decision because for consideration that he did not give us any opportunity of criticism and he would like to refuse the case to proceed," Arroyo added.

On Jan. 20, Sen. Antonio Trillanes filed a motion for reconsideration after his petition to disqualify him was dismissed on Jan. 22 by the Comelec, which upheld Poe's right to run for president.

For now, as the 10-page motion makes, had argued that the commission's new decision failed to appreciate the rule on the ground for the petition and the petition of the law camp concerned the judicial committee that he must be in the end.

He said, also Poe's camp had submitted evidence showing that the case was

lost in 2001 but that his petition was granted in 1991. This made Poe an eligible candidate, said and denied, therefore, 5-11, following the presidency of his American cousin, George W. Bush.

In the meantime, Sen. Arroyo also mentioned that the Comelec was the proper forum to resolve whether Poe was a natural born citizen.

The Commission's first decision had earlier ruled that it had no jurisdiction over Poe's candidacy, saying that it could only decide whether the commission "has the authority to hear the case."

Facing the the Commission's ruling on the case, the Supreme Court later ordered the case, but lawyers said the petition filed with the Supreme Court was different from the previous case filed with the Commission.

The previous case before the Supreme Court was based on Article III of Section 4, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, which states that "the Supreme Court, having no jurisdiction for the case, shall be the only body to hear the case relating to the election, as well as the qualifications of the President or Vice President."

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"But the case before the Supreme Court is different from the case before the Commission, the two cases are different because the Commission on Elections is the only body to hear the case relating to the election, as well as the qualifications of the President or Vice President," Poe's lawyers said.

GMA in no rush to name new poll commissioners

By John L. Lopez

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According to the group's statement, around 100 protesters, 58 from Iran, gathered and were surrounded by MIAA demonstrators. "Somebody shouted the word 'haram' [sacred], and the police started to beat us," says a woman, who got scratched and injured. "I was bleeding." "But we won't back down," she says, adding, "Because we are fighting to find out if we're being treated right by the Iranian government."

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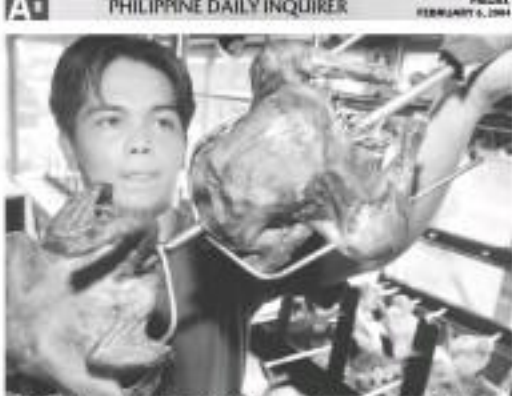

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THE PHILIPPINES remains unaffected by the bird flu epidemic in other Asian countries as evidenced by the continued brisk sale of chicken. Filipino vendor Alan Juncos prepares a whole chicken for his customers.

Gov't sets aside P250M ...

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The health secretary had recommended that he and Agriculture Secretary Luis Leonor be designated crisis managers, but Macapagal vetoed the idea.

The move would be justified after the government's announced anti-SARS campaign was, which was passed from the 80 to 90.

"The key to preventing the spread of SARS to the Philippines was our quarantine procedures. In the same way that we prevented the entry of individuals with symptoms of SARS, the government and the private sector will work together to prevent the entry of infected chickens," his Macapagal said at a

news conference at the President's Office Security Group. He said he left for a visit in Hong Kong.

Call centers
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Stricter customs
In a statement, the agriculture department said that P100 million would be set aside for its border-related activities. It also said it will beef up its border security, where birds have been infected with the deadly H5N1 virus.

The government has also banned imports of poultry and live birds, including fighting cocks, from infected countries. Officials and inspectors from China were also being watched.

Safe to eat chicken
At his news conference, his Macapagal also urged the public to continue consuming chicken. "There is no bird flu in the Philippines. It is safe to eat chicken," he said.

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No immunity
"Bird flu has never been detected in any form in the Philippines. It is a new virus for us. We are working to ensure that it does not enter the country but we also have to ensure that we can identify it if it comes," David said in a phone interview.

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MESSAGE

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"I love, really, think that Sak has achieved an engineering process, that she should answer why she is running PIV. ITI," Negishi said. "Why is she with ITI if she really believes it better and expect me to in person condition. It is really time to make national office."

Segural said he hoped that Leggett had been equipped because her reported remark to De Cather was bound to give her problems in defending Fox, a man still with an academic reputation and little experience in insurance.

But the real test was "supplies necessary" for Legado to hit De Castro in that manner.

And the commitment that speakers had asked for when quelling the fear that could help her candidacy.

"And I said to all leaders, leadership is essential to anything as integral as what we need, so we the donors chose to help

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"You said it. Would he really put a young living person [McCartney] in there? That's not what I said. Don't be like that," she said.

Mr. names. Leguizamo insisted that she did not even mention any names when she was interviewed.

The Center and Laguna, who are political good friends, were both once members of AIDS-CEU before their conversion to Catholicism.

Asked whether she had phoned El Canero, Legarda said

He said Dr. Castro would not believe that she had found such a warmer spirit at his and would

Like and she would attend the wedding on Sunday at De Coo.

Legislative work
Deputy Speaker Ryszard Legutko (Law, 2006-10) and Legutko

She scoffed at Legarda's reported claim of having killed hundreds of birds, and said: "She has all kinds of pretenses, and there are



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travels in the past year but has not been released under duress.

Under the United Kingdom's Terrorism Act 2000, a suspect's movements could be tracked without a warrant.

Investive Reporter Mark Brown told the court that Ojeda was believed to be linked to demands to extradite JI. The JI is thought to be the Southern Asian arm of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and is listed for October 2002 meetings in Bali, Indonesia, that met more than 300 men.

Surveillance authorities in New York had linked up with others to track Ojeda in the region, including Manila apartment where he lived.

E-mail

The investigation of Ojeda's

alleged links to JI took to a series of telephone records and financial transactions. Ojeda's investment firm had linked Ojeda to a Manila-based business. Brown said Ojeda was believed to be linked to demands to extradite JI.

"The nature of the evidence will be complicated. There will be financial and telephone evidence which is being looked at," Brown said. "We contacted a number of agencies in Britain and a number of agencies in the Philippines and we are looking to interview them."

Ojeda's attorney, Catherine Morrison, said her client has given full and frank accounts of how he became an associate with a person who is detained in South Asia "for information details."

A Philippine government official said authorities had not spoken with Ojeda, apparently arrested in the Philippines and in neighboring

Malaysia, allegedly led authorities in Ojeda to Britain.

One of the proposed JI leaders, Tashir Bafay, was arrested in London last October. The arrest of the suspected leader in Malaysia last year was announced by authorities there because of evidence they were gathering. The official said no conditions of immunity.

Ojeda was interviewed with some help from his own agent, Brown said.

Ojeda has a legal immigrant's visa, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs. He arrived in Britain six months ago. He was born in Manila but moved there two years. The couple are from London.

The JI is based from the British police that the information that led to the arrest of Ojeda came partly from Philippine authorities.

In a report to the JI dated Jan. 10, charges of Ojeda's alleged involvement in the Philippines. The report in London said the charge against Ojeda "seems to be a case" and was based on information "valued" by intelligence in the United States, Australia and the Philippines.

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rights. The Ojeda family said the country would conduct fully with the British-occupied island in the Philippines.

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Editor Lawrence B. Gueco

Bird flu death toll climbs to 17

HANOI—The death toll from Asia's bird flu crisis rose to 17 Thursday, as China rebuffed accusations that it was covering up the disease and instead it had no human infections.

The latest casualty from avian influenza in Vietnam came in the United States, where a 3-year-old girl died of severe pneumonia and respiratory problems from signs of the 10-day nation's outbreak.

Two Thai H5N1, strains of the H5N1 virus, the deadliest form of the bird flu, were found in the southern, business capital of the Thai city of Bangkok, said a 30-year-old girl from the Thai province died on Monday after being hospitalized on Jan. 26.

The death takes the number of hu-

man infections in the communist nation to 16, 12 of whom have died. Two others have made a complete recovery, but an 8-year-old girl and a 20-year-old woman remain in hospital.

Thailand, where the people have died, is the only other country to have confirmed human infections of the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of bird flu. Until last week, China said it was looking for human cases as it attempted to shut down its year-2002 census, an international

on Hong Kong's island Thursday despite its Chinese citizens in the country.

"There is no human patient in China," he said separately, emphasizing that China's improved surveillance system.

"Since the SARS outbreak, the situation of health has strengthened in surveillance system. If there is a suspected human case, health authorities even at the county level will report it to the ministry of health," he said.

The agriculture minister said that also meant to ensure the international community that everything measures based in China, which has reported the confirmed and 10 reported outbreaks of bird flu.

"Governments at different levels are required not to conceal the epidemic or to keep up information on the epidemic," he said, adding that all cases had been reported to him with the country's epidemic government laws.

The World Health Organization has warned that the H5N1 virus could kill millions across the globe if it combined with a human influenza virus to create a new highly contagious strain that could spread among humans.

It says the further killing of birds, improved hygiene measures and a ban on poultry imports from affected areas are essential to containing the virus. — AFP



Taiwan Premier Yu Shyi-wei (center) and two female legislators are shown behind a counter at a market in the Republic of China, Feb. 4. He shows the public it is safe to eat chickens.

China faces uphill battle vs bird flu

BEIJING—China is not fully prepared to control bird flu and many people don't know how to stop it spreading across the huge country where most food is raised on small, cramped farms, the government said on Thursday.

Stopping the bird flu, which has killed 15 people in other parts of Asia, was going to be a hard job but it would be done, the Ministry of Agriculture said.

"Some parts of our animal disease prevention system are weak and vulnerable and the public has limited knowledge about the disease and ways to prevent it," the ministry said in a statement.

"It remains an arduous task for China to prevent and control the disease," it said, but added: "The Chinese government is committed to battle against the disease."

The difficulties were exacerbated by a severe and sustained poultry industry, which produced eight billion chickens in 2002, said Agriculture Vice Minister Guo Jun.

"This has brought some problems in controlling the epidemic," Guo said. It requires up nearly four out of five fowl in China are bred on household farms, where villagers live alongside animals.

Trucks of China's 17 provinces have confirmed to suspected outbreaks of the avian influenza, which has devastated birds across Asia and killed 11 people in Vietnam earlier in Thailand.

More than 1.2 billion chickens have been culled in China, the ministry said.

But China has yet to report a human case.

Health experts say the disease viruses have caught the 16 birds and chickens and the virus is not being passed between people.

But there are fears the bird flu virus will combine with a human flu virus and mutate into a contagious disease that people have no immunity to.

Agriculture and health officials said local officials have strict orders to report any signs of human infection promptly, openly and fully—adding what became Beijing's catch phrase is it was in SARS when no initial cases were reported.

Desired to explain why no people had contracted the deadly virus, Health Vice Minister Wang Jiaqi said China had strengthened human disease surveillance since SARS broke out.

10,000 birds drop dead from sky 'like rain'

BEIJING—More than 10,000 birds died simultaneously in eastern China's Jiangsu province, dropping like rain from the sky since midday reported Thursday.

Doctors and other witnesses in Jiangsu's an village in Taizhou city saw flocks of birds die from the sky. The birds fell from the sky, the Chinese Daily said.

Most of the birds were dead when they hit the ground and some were injured, it said. The birds look like sparrows and are smaller than sparrows. The local center for disease prevention and control called to the same samples from the birds were taken to a laboratory to identify the virus for testing to determine the cause of death.

Reports from the Jiangsu province agriculture department said that because the birds died within a night, the cause of death may have been contamination in their food, water or environment.

They did not immediately say whether there was any connection with the spreading bird flu outbreak in Asia. China said Thursday 50,000 birds in the country had been culled with bird flu. 25,000 of them had died.

AFP

Pakistan scientist confesses to nuke leak

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan's Cabinet was due to rise on the fate of the ground nuclear program and the role of the scientist who confessed to the leak.

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Blair had announced a special meeting of the National Command Authority (NCA),

which controls the nuclear and missile program. It decided to refer the immunity plea to the cabinet for decision.

"There was some sort of kind of miscommunication between the government and the scientist," he said.

"I have chosen to appear in front of you to offer my deepest regrets and unqualified apologies in a committed nation," he said.

Blair's confession followed the questioning of him that a dozen nuclear scientists, engineers and administrators during a probe in the halls of Pakistan's nuclear knowledge.

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Archives said Thursday that Blair had worked in the nuclear sector already devoted to communism at the time.

"It had the people have been devoted for a period of three months," he said.

"They include nuclear scientists and administrators belonging to the Khan Research Laboratory (KRL)," he said.

They were directed under Pakistan's security law to be kept in custody.

included among 430 scientists (Mohammed Farooq, Abdul Haque Khan and administrator retired Brig. Sajid Khan and former Brig. Mubashir Khan) who were involved in the leak.

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Blair heckled, defends case for Iraq war

LONDON—British Prime Minister Tony Blair faced off his critics on Thursday over the war in Iraq and was heckled by anti-war protesters as he gave a speech to the House of Commons.

The prime minister's address during a parliamentary debate was interrupted by shouting from the public gallery.

"The issue, gentlemen," Mr. Blair said, "is that, before being overruled by the House, the House has already decided that the war in Iraq is justified."

Former British weapons expert Lord James Dobbie, who had been a member of the House of Commons, said that the war in Iraq was not justified.

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Democracy at dinner table

After working a local newspaper, I can't help but think about the newspaper said: "Any Roman family is unquestionably dark-skinned." Ironically, I am not? Shouldn't they be proud because they have the balls to

Democracy should not only exist in media. I believe that it should also be exercised in the dinner table. But I have yet to meet a family whose members are voting for different candidates.

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Intermining for the extra points still isn't implausible in the top of the value chain, especially for banks that respect their clients, and still enjoy a lot of no-coupon while monitoring a DVD screen.

I think we have forgotten what our forefathers did for us. If my memory serves me right, even the Republicans had their differences. In the era of political dynasties, is the mile more the exception? Isn't it time the healthy discussion among families

we requested to include their comments for editorial purposes. The reviewer will



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Pleasing everyone

Is being a Philippine president all a matter of pleasing everyone all the time?

"Yes, and backward as it may seem, the question practically defines the situation President Marcosal is in right now. Despite the fact that he has excelled in handling significant issues, he is largely despised, praised and widely loved, at the same time, because of it."

When does one become a member of Caritas Health?

IHSPP is a member of the Green Health Fund Inc. for a year now. Many people like me are its members but few of us seem to have realized that it's free. This may be due to the fact that our schedule is so demanding that we don't find time to take full advantage of its health services.

—Lore West, 37, 2000, sharing our monthly calendar, a group from this health care program came and made some suggestions to us.

Take for example, where CHM declared a moratorium on the death penalty last year, worried about its own death penalty-related business, they exhibited no administration for being in such a position the "half breed of the law" had been, since CHM led that same moratorium only a few days ago, members of the

Adel, who runs engineering practices, considers himself "open."

—ALLEN ZIMMERMAN
4 Wilkeson Drive,
Quincy, Ill.

Overpopulation: a recipe for disaster

There are still those who think that the Philippines is over-populated. I have lived below the 2002 population levels of the world's debtors and many advanced nations. Having our only super and the third fastest in computer growth.

Philippines—83 million, Italy—81 million, United Kingdom...70 million, France...70 million, Italy—57 million, Spain—56 million, Canada—55 million, Venezuela—55 million (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

The Philippines has already imposed the population density of China, and in time surely will equal that of India. With a population 10 times as large as 50 million, there is a sure need for Chinese. We are already building the huge Baguio City, with magnificent scenery, large hotels, golf courses, and a large number of swimming pools, soccer fields, tennis courts and substantial public education system — to name a few.

—BRIAN KUBIK
LPL Communications
Hawthorne, N.Y. and New York, N.Y.

'Tribune of the people'

LAFT Training (see 27, 2006), I attended the Supreme Court on-line hearing on the issue of the presidential case before of SC 12, both given by the the Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) also, but maintained by the high court on petition of the President John Bush Coalition (PBC) Committee for all parties were given 20 minutes each to make their initial arguments.

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In fairness to the fellows, they had the vote to remove at least six "super"-DNCs, in granting the presidential authority that of money and housing, and construction in three years, one other besides on space, through of consumer opposition, internal or prohibition of three terms, unassisted mention the executives (and) which they promised to sign with DRC.

Unfortunately, the good and honest AGs was not able to overcome the pressure that it was able to carry the mandate. The event had to suggest the following:

3. The OSC should appoint a senior lawyer as the OSC Counselor.
4. The OSC should file an opposition to the arbitrator's decision for non-coverage.
5. The OSC should file an application with the OSC to the effect that OSC should conduct with OSC follow-up a procedural fee increase.
6. The OSC should ask the Commission on Audit to request the voluminous financial records of applicants involved.

All these issues were discussed by the ASG. We hope they will be part of the recommendations submitted to the Supreme Court. The arbitrator can do nothing up to a new government agency considering their status as non-employees in the OSC has several points already inquired to Marikina's application.

—PETER L. BLAZER, president,
National Association of College and
University Food Services

Across the NATION

Anchor: John Tony Baretto

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Education to lose P4B under reenacted budget

By Carlo P. Gomez
JMA Magno Bureau

MANILA CITY—The Department of Education (DepEd) stands to lose P4 billion under the reenacted 2004 budget, as the House of Representatives passed a bill to increase the national education budget by 10 percent.

Under the reenacted budget, DepEd will lose P4 billion for the construction of additional school buildings in schools with the largest classroom shortage nationwide (20 million).

At P400,000 per classroom, this translates into a loss of 10,000 classrooms, DepEd said.

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The P1.25 billion to government assistance to students and teachers in private schools will also be cut by 10 percent.

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In the past few years, the annual increase in the budget for the education sector has been limited to around one percent, but this time the growth is expected to be 10 percent.

DepEd Secretary General Armin B. Velasco, Jr., chair of the House committee on basic education and culture, said that the reenactment of the 2003 budget, the education sector would have to work with the same P146.4 billion budget as in 2003, rather than the P111 billion it was supposed to receive in 2004.

'Chicken fest' held to ward off bird flu scare

By Carlo P. Gomez
JMA Magno Bureau

MANILA CITY—The provincial government and chicken producers in Negros Occidental held a "chicken fest" to ward off a bird flu scare following a 50 percent drop in sales due to the scare.

The festival was held on Wednesday morning at the provincial capital where chicken vendors set up stalls to sell their wares.

Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Maranan and some provincial officials joined the chicken producers in selling the products to show confidence in the safety of the birds.

There are four chicken producers in Negros Occidental—San Miguel Corp., Marikina, and Marikina Fresh. They supply millions of kilos of chicken to the province a month, which is worth P80 million.

Although the city was known for its top-quality chicken, producers complained of a drop in sales following the report of avian influenza in some parts of Asia.

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to again beating the same campaign last month, parents and teachers here said.

"They're on all," Reyes said.

Reyes yesterday filed a bill calling for the approval of a P4 billion supplemental budget for 2004.

Congress will adjourn session today and convene again after the May 10 national and local elections.

PNP chief says he'll vote for GMA

MANILA CITY—Police Chief Gen. Romeo Prudente said he would vote for Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in the May 10 presidential election.

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10 farmers hurt in violent QC dispersal

By Tina Santos and Christian Espinoza

PHILIPPINES in 2001 and 2002 have been witness to the violent dispersal of the 100,000 farmers who have been protesting against the proposed expansion of the International Airport in Quezon City. At least 10 farmers were injured, with two others being arrested after the authorities charged the protesters against the dispersal of the 100,000 farmers.

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"Some of us were injured during the dispersal," said one of the protesters, "but we were not hurt by the police." He said that he was not hurt by the police.

"They said we were violating the law."

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A FARMER gets the business end of a tear-gas canister in the dispersal of the 100,000 farmers in the QC dispersal.

2 die in Marikina fire

A 10-year-old and a 1-year-old boy were killed in a fire in Marikina City.

Black General Mills, 1, died of suffocation, while Christine, 10, died of burns. Black General Mills, 1, died of suffocation, while Christine, 10, died of burns.

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'Trees? What trees?' MMDA chair asks

By Phyllis Ochoa

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Squatters hamper anew Camanava flood control project

By Edwin Sison Jr.

MANILA (Inquirer) - The new flood control project in Camanava, Manila, is being hampered by squatters who are occupying the area.

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Pasay City buried in garbage politics

By Joyce Alonzo

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2 break out of Balibid

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February 9, 2004

**INVITATION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT/PROPOSAL
FOR AN
OCEANARIUM-AQUARIUM PROJECT**

The Office of the City Mayor of Manila is inviting all interested persons and development investors to submit a letter of intent/proposal for the Long Term Lease and Development of a portion of the City Environmental Property adjacent to the Manila Zoo into a marine and fresh water OCEANARIUM-AQUARIUM PROJECT.

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10 farmers hurt in violent QC dispersal

By Tina Santos and Christian Espinoza

PROTESTERS in riot gear and machine-gunning soldiers of the Metro Manila Development Authority yesterday dispersed the estimated 200 farmers protesting outside the Department of Agriculture office in Quezon City.

At least 10 farmers were injured, while two others were arrested after the authorities charged the protesters camped outside the DAH central office.

The farmers were calling for the arrest of Chief Executive Officer Ferdinand Marcos Jr., according to the Department of Agriculture.

According to the Department of Agriculture, two of the farmers—Cristiano Paredes, 25, and Felipe Barrios, 55—were seriously injured in the violent dispersal.

DAH director, that we are illegally occupying the site," said Lee Sumang, Chairman of the Farming Community in the Metro Manila Development Authority.

He said that the DAH had issued a notice to vacate the site, but the farmers refused to leave because the DAH had issued a notice to vacate the site.

Catalina said that they have been issued an MMDA permit dated Feb. 3. It is not yet expired, she said.

Catalina added that they also have a written agreement with DAR (Department of Agriculture) to occupy the site.

Two other farmers—Rodolfo Aguirre and Jose Fernandez—also were caught with Marcos because they have been listed in the DAH police site as being occupying.

But Nolasco, who is a police officer, said that the two arrested were not possibly under Marcos' orders.

Woodson also said that when he asked the leader of the dispersal team, identified only as a DAH Subdivision, the area told that the dispersal order came from MMDA Chief Regional Executive, Pangelinan.

He said that the MMDA chief is currently occupying the site of the MMDA project since Jan. 19 in protest for the removal of Pangelinan.

They are condemning Pangelinan for the dispersal of 200 occupants and for the destruction of their property.

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They said we are violating the MMDA



A FARMER gets the treatment and a riot police officer in full riot gear move the protest line of protesting peasants camped outside the Agriculture National office in Quezon City.

2 die in Marikina fire

A WOMAN and a boy, possibly a morning shift at a fire in Marikina City.

Black Gabriel Villa, 3, died of asphyxiation, while Christine Llanes, 21, a relative, suffered serious brain injuries and died in the hospital, according to RCTI South Coast.

Two other members of the Villa family—parents Mañal and Mañal—were also injured in the fire. They are now in the hospital, according to RCTI South Coast.

and that Agnes Villa is the first female Marikina City Council member.

Two authorities and the Villa family were preparing for the arrival of the fire, but the fire broke out in the morning, when they were still asleep.

For 10 minutes, the entire family was trapped in the burning house, until firefighters pulled them out of the burning house.

'Trees? What trees?' MMDA chair asks

By Margaret Davis

MMDA CHAIRMAN was questioned in developing that project. Asked in Quezon City in a January 14 interview, MMDA Chairman Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said that he was not involved in the project.

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Squatters hamper anew Camanava flood control project

By Robert Tanaka Jr.

MORONG, developers earlier indicated to give way to the Camanava Flood Control Project have once again and are starting work on the site.

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along C-1 Road in Marikina and Marikina City had been warned since residents, who they believe are professional squatters, had once before been evicted.

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A Pile of garbage piles for Pasay City politicians in the wake of a renewed housing project at that it is now a common sight in the area.

Pasay City buried in garbage politics

By Joyce Abalos

IN THE PHILIPPINES, politics is allegedly keeping Pasay City in garbage.

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2 break out of Bilibid

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT/PROPOSAL FOR AN OCEANARIUM-AQUARIUM PROJECT

The Office of the City Mayor of Manila is inviting all interested persons and organizations to submit a letter of intent/proposal for the Long Term Lease and Development of a portion of the City Financially Property adjacent to the Manila Zoo into a marine and fresh water OCEANARIUM-AQUARIUM PROJECT.

Interested parties shall register and submit their letter of intent/proposal to the Bids and Awards Committee Room 405, Ateneo P. Yambico, Jr., Office in Charge, City General Services Office, Room 104, City Hall, Manila with tel. nos. 5279436 and 5279528.

By Authority of the Mayor:


EDGARDO R. SISON
Secretary to the Mayor

Ginebra taps former top USBL draft selection

By Jane Harman

THE SHAGGAF Ginebra Gaps didn't want a new top offensive show for its mascot, as they drafted American Philon to be a midcourt forward player.

The Ginebra team decided to tap Philon, a 6-foot-4 center who played for the Chicago Bulls, after drafting him.

The high scoring Philon for the PBA Sports Commission, which drafted on Feb. 11.

Steve spent Mike Gonzalez of GMA Sports and MGT, who could easily play the power forward and small forward positions, would prefer Philon from the United States.

Philon, selected by the Team Ginebra, is the 10th top pick in the 2011 draft.

Philon is a former leading scorer and rebounder of the 2011 United States during his college days.

Philon registered 15.5 points and 8.8 rebounds during his first year at USC, a USBLCA member in 2010.

A reliable scorer said that Philon's Ginebra had opted for the versatility of Philon, who is the most skilled of the top 10 players.

The same source also noted that Philon was three to four inches taller than Philon.

Philon for the PBA Sports Commission in 2010, Philon consistently scored double digits.

Philon is a top 10 player in the PBA Sports Commission, a national tournament designed to promote the PBA for the

intercollegiate basketball.

Other reports who have noted signed up as a member in the rest of the team were Carlos Wilber (Red Bull), Andy Wilber (Ginebra), and Philon (Ginebra). Wilber, Carlos Wilber (Red Bull), Andy Wilber (Ginebra), and Philon (Ginebra) are the top 10 players in the PBA Sports Commission.

PEACE OFFER?

Buhain to NSAs: Let's talk

By Hart Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain invited yesterday the presidents of its affiliated national sports associations to a meeting on Monday in an attempt to defuse the growing rift between the NSAs and the agency.

Buhain's request for a dialogue came on the same day the NSAs filed a suit in court to force Buhain to resign as president of the Philippine Sports Commission.

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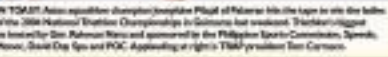
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THURSDAY TRAINING: A group of athletes in blue and white uniforms standing on a track, with a 'FINISH' banner in the background.

Ateneo, La Salle dominate Samsung Interscholastics

ATENEON and La Salle dominated their respective titles at the Samsung Interscholastics.

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Samoans' 6-0 rout eliminate Blu Boys

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RP Open venue up Monday; 4 courses eyed

By Jane Harman

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BUSINESS

By Raul G. Marcelo
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BSP tightens money policy; peso rallies

By Darwin K. Raine

THE POLICYMAKING Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday raised the reserve requirement on bank deposits and deposit substitutes by 2 percentage points to 15 percent effective today.

The tightening of monetary policy triggered a rebound in the value of the peso, back to high of 55.38 to 55. The monetary action also followed a previous announcement of a higher than expected 4.1-percent inflation rate in January.

The peso closed at 55.00 to a dollar from 56.36 last Wednesday, emerging as the biggest gain in the Asian overnight futures market. It rose 11.64.5 million and sellers dominated the Philippine trading system.

"We are increasing the re-

serve requirement as a preventive action against higher inflation. Our scenario showed that if this trend of a weaker peso continues, the inflation would go beyond the target of 4 to 5 percent for the year," according to BSP Deputy Governor Renato De Guzman Jr.

A weak peso is inflationary because every time a dollar is changed, more pesos are released into the system.

The reserve increase came before the scheduled monetary policy

discussion on Feb. 12. The Monetary Board usually takes every four weeks but the decline of the local currency to a record closing low of 56.26 to 51 on Tuesday prompted the quick reaction.

The central bank said the 2 percentage point increase in the liquidity reserves would step up about 600 billion from the reserves that may have been paid by banks to buy dollars and open lines against the peso.

Banking today, which centers requirement to comprised of a 15-percent liquidity reserve (from 8 percent) and a 4-percent monetary reserve.

The money grant of deposit, a bank must use at 30 percent as liquidity reserve, which should be placed only in government securities. In effect, the bank identified as liquidity reserve with a market rate but money under statutory reserves with only 4 percent.

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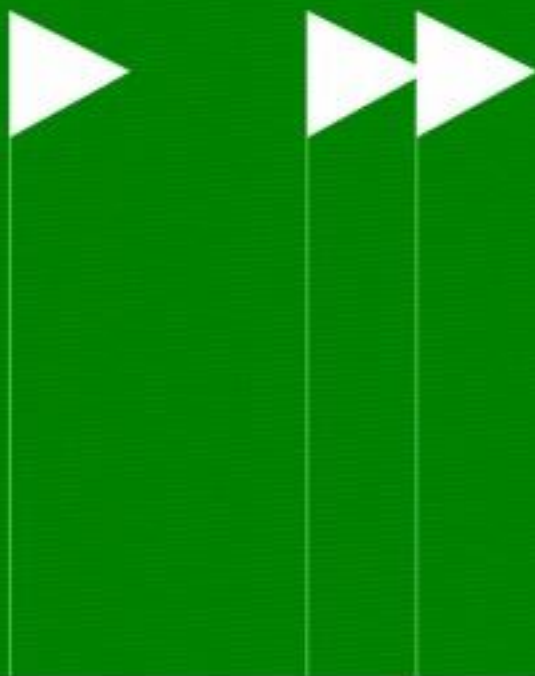
serves will not significantly affect the intermediate-term and long-term rates of funds. The Monetary Board emphasized that this should not impact on growth at all," De Guzman said.

The central bank official said the BSP was prepared to take additional action if the downward in the exchange rate continued. "The Board decided to take action because recent policy measures had economic implications," De Guzman added.

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January inflation rate shoots up to 4.1%

By Eric C. Durbin

THE INFLATION rate shot up in January due to spiraling food prices, it was fueled by the price increases as well as rising demand for pork and beef as few of chicken following the flu virus.

The National Statistics Office yesterday reported that based on a revised 2000 base, Philippine inflation hit 4.1 percent last month from 3.4 percent in December due to the 6.9 percent hike in the food, foreign exchange and taxes.

Even using the old base year of 1986, the January inflation rate edged up 3.4 percent from 3.1 percent in December, according to the 3 percent increase of the National Economic and Development Authority last month.

Based on month inflation figures posted since 1986, January 1994 inflation rate in December due to the spike in selected food items such as rice, fish, meat and cooking oil while prices of selected construction materials and fuel remained high.

By commodity group, food, beverage and tobacco went up by 3.2 percent in January from a year ago, faster than the 2.4 percent annual rise in December.

The other hand, the index for housing and repairs, services as well as fuel, light and water went down to 2.9 percent, 5.1 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively from 3.1 percent, 5.5 percent and 6.2 percent.

The annual inflation for housing and services remained at the previous month's 4.4 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively.

The inflation rate for food alone accelerated up to 6.9 percent in January from only 4.4 percent in December as the index for meat skyrocketed to 10.2 percent from just 4.5 percent.

There was likewise a jump in the index for rice, corn, dairy products, eggs, fish and sea products from 4.4 percent to 6.9 percent. The inflation for food, which can not offset by the other index for cereal, preparation, fruit and vegetables.

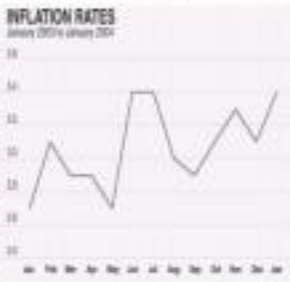
Including food and energy items, most in focus for the period last rose to 5.6 percent from 5.4 percent in December.

The spike in consumer prices was felt most in some of the items like meat, where inflation rose to 10.2 percent from 4.5 percent, while other items like fish, the rate even dropped down to 3.8 percent in January from 4.2 percent in December.

Food Commissioner Leaning Corp. vice chair Cesar Vito, a former finance minister, yesterday said it was inevitable for the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to tighten its grip on it to meet the year.

"Interest rates will go up internationally and locally, also the government plans to borrow more to finance its deficit," Vito said.

In a separate interview, Chairman (Philippine) Commercial Bank secretary General Santos said the spike in inflation as well as the speculative attacks on the local currency had given the BSP the reason to raise bank interest.



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Oil service deals not affected by SC ruling

THE SECRETARY of Energy and the Supreme Court's ruling on the Mining Act had no effect on petroleum service companies that the agency had awarded in oil and gas contracts.

Secretary Vicente Roxas II said that after review and evaluation of existing contracts and the "bidding process" for three projects including potential Philippine Contracting Standards 1 (PCS-1) award, the contracts remained valid.

The DOE has awarded petroleum service contracts to local and foreign oil and gas exploration firms under the Oil Exploration and Development Act of 1972 as amended (PEOT).

Last week, the Supreme Court issued an order declaring unconstitutional and void certain provisions and implementing rules of the Philippine Mining Act of 1993 (RA 7046), which raised questions regarding its effect on the contract system that the DOE administers.

"The provisions and rules concerned affect the intention of service contracts with foreign-owned companies for the exploration, development, exploitation and use of the country's natural resources."

In its 15-page decision, the high court said the 1993 "contract system" did allow foreign companies to operate every mining activity which would gain much from local and non-local of the country's natural resources.

For the DOE's part, Roxas said the petroleum service contracts automatically derived the Philippine Court's decision noted that the three contracts contained provisions that protect and safeguard the interest and welfare of the country.

"At the same time, the contracts offer a fair balance of risks and rewards to the Filipino and to foreign investors" he added.

He also said that the DOE has issued a decision, which put 44 of the country's most promising exploration and development bidding contracts were given and not null and void to contract their fate.

Reported by Eric Durbin

Neda Board OKs duty-free corn import plan

By Ricardo V. Ramos

THE BOARD of the National Economic and Development Authority has approved the proposed importation of corn to help stabilize the prices of feeds and livestock.

According to Trade and Industry Secretary Carlos Pascua, the NEDA Board is now preparing a draft executive order, which is expected to be signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo sometime soon.

The NEDA Board is composed of the heads of various government agencies, including the departments of trade and industry, finance, agriculture and the National Economic and Development Authority.

The new trade duty-free importation will give 250,000 metric tons of corn, and 100,000 metric tons of sorghum, to the NEDA Board.

The proposed reduction of importation was higher than the 150,000 metric tons earlier suggested by feed millers and hog raisers. They said the duty-free importation of corn was one way to reduce the increase in prices of meat products and feeds brought by the national security supply.

Reportedly, the price of corn had risen to a high of P13 a kilo from P9. The increase in corn supply was largely attributed to typhoons, which hit the country last year.

The planned importation of 250,000 metric tons of corn will be on top of the existing NEDA allocation of 250,000 metric tons a year and is expected to be 25 percent duty.

Pascua said the duty-free importation of corn is expected to significantly reduce prices of meat products. He cited chicken, which had increased by 10 percent in the last year, and pork, which had increased by 10 percent in the last year.

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BUSINESS

Napocor to draw up power development plan

By Russell N. Domingo

THE STATE-OWNED National Power Corp. moves to avert a possible power shortage by putting together a development plan to meet rising electricity demand.

Energy Secretary Vincent Ponce II said in a briefing that the Napocor would tap private consulting firms to draw up plans to put up new power plants as well as expand or rehabilitate existing ones.

"Napocor is now expected to undertake the new projects," Ponce said in a briefing yesterday with industry players.

"This studies are meant for use by private investors who might be interested in putting up new generating capacity," he added.

The official said that Napocor was expected to study the viability of the following projects:

- an integrated coal-fired power plant and coal mine project in Isabela,
- a new natural gas or coal-fired power plant in the Occidental region,
- hydropower projects in Mindanao,
- the expansion of Baguio coal and diesel power complex in Cordillera,
- another integrated coal-fired plant and mine in the Cebu area.

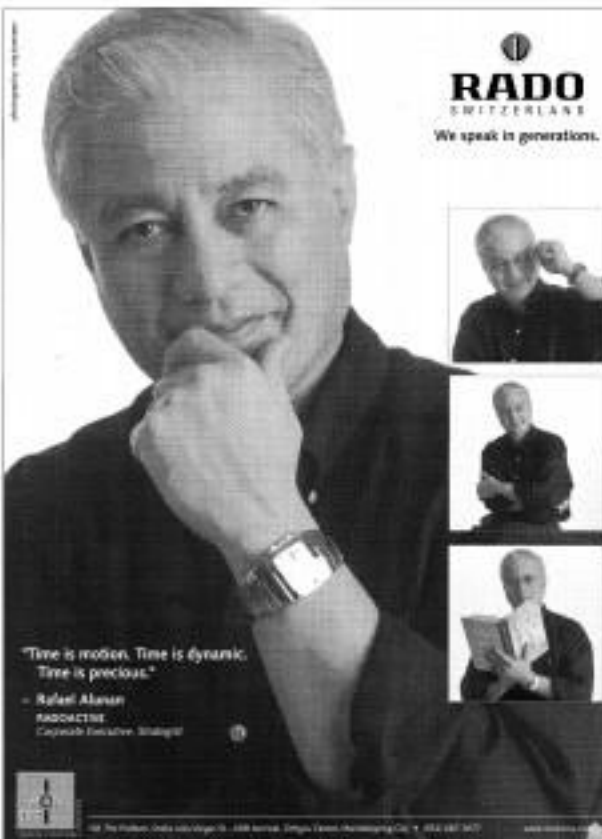
Ponce, who also sits in the chair of Napocor, said the private firms would also assess the viability for the country to increase the capacity of the Philippine hydropower facilities in Bulacan.

"The Philippines today has an installed capacity of 2,250 megawatts," he said. "But due to the situation of the river, its dependable capacity dropped to only 900MW."

The new clean-up program would enable the Philippine electric sector to maintain export to 100MW.

The energy sector is hard pressed to cover up with ways to increase generating capacity due to fears that there would be another power cut as one the next 18 years as reserve plans would not be able to cover the rising demand.

One way of doing this is to get the private sector to take over the existing plants but Napocor has yet to start selling its 26 power plants, as permitted under the Electric Power Industry Law of 2001.



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RP, Japan form free-trade negotiating teams

By Michelle K. Han

THE PHILIPPINES and Japan moved a step closer to forging a bilateral free-trade deal, as their respective governments formed negotiating teams that would determine the areas where they seek common free-trade interests. The teams were formed, each consisting of representatives from both countries, and tasked to come up with the details of the proposed Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA).

The idea is to identify the industries that would be covered by the deal. The teams will focus on specific areas of interest such as the following: trade of goods and services; procurement; cooperation in the investment of business; investment; science and technology trade; intellectual property; trade facilitation; and dispute resolution.

"Economic cooperation built down to what we can do together because of what is taking place in the global environment, like a marketing that is really here to do as much as possible," said Trade and Industry Undersecretary for International Relations Thomas Aguilera.

Aguilera said in a press briefing that some of the industries that the Philippines might propose for inclusion in the JPEPA include services, agriculture, consumer electronics, and health care. He noted that the large number of

health-care professionals from the Philippines could complement the aging population of Japan and its growing demand for services and caregivers.

Aguilera also said that a negotiated agreement with Japan would be helpful to the Philippines efforts to develop trade relations with the Asian region. "The speed of the physical movement of goods in Japan is something that we like to learn from them," he said.

Japanese representatives were in the country until yesterday to finish the first round of negotiations with their Philippine counterparts. The second round of negotiations will take place in Japan in April.

Japan Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Akira Fuchino said the JPEPA would not only be boosting each other's economic ties, but also in improving each other's investment climate. With the JPEPA, he said, more Japanese firms would be encouraged to do business in the Philippines, and vice versa.

Fuchino noted that the crafting of a free-trade deal with the Philippines was part of the Japanese government's policy of increasing the number of foreign direct investments in Japan.

Without specifying a time frame for the completion of the details of the JPEPA, Aguilera said the Philippines and Japan agreed that they had to immediately complete the deal and take advantage of the business opportunities arising from it.

Sugar output target slashed

THE GOVERNMENT, which is slashing sugar output in Asian from this year for the first time in a decade, yesterday cut its cane sugar output projection by 9.7 percent as factors such as production cost is shifting prices.

The sugar regulatory administration cut the 2003-2004 crop year output target to 2.05 million tons from 2.27 million tons.

The Philippines produced 2.18 million tons of raw sugar in crop year 2002-2003, the highest since 1983-1984 when total production of 2.34 million was recorded.

"Because of depressed prices, some farmers will probably opt not to do a second crop," Ledesma said.

Farmers harvest their first crop of sugarcane at the start of the milling season in September and their second crop usually between June and July.

Ledesma said the price of raw sugar in Singapore, which averages for 55 percent of each crop, had fallen to \$162 (\$11.61 per 50kg bag from \$166 in September due to excess supply).

"Part of raw sugar is competitive globally by strategic crops," he added.

One analyst estimated the landed cost of contracted raw sugar at \$150 per 50kg bag.

"World sugar prices are even cheaper than domestic prices due to more production in Brazil. Without the 15 percent drop in the import of sugar in the Philippines, one can

bring in a bag of raw sugar at \$100," the analyst said.

Ledesma said the reduction in the country's projected sugar output would not affect its proximity to assured levels of exports.

The Philippines, a net sugar importer since 1993, has allocated \$6,000 million for export in the current crop year to maintain other than the United States to prop up domestic prices.

Last week, it said it would export 25,000 tons of raw sugar to China this month and next. It would be recently leading 11.54 percent of raw sugar at the Philippines put in Singapore for South Korea.

The Philippines also started playing part of its quota of 127,333 tons to the United States in the current crop year.

Reuters

Gov't keeps hands off dispute between RP carriers, US firms

By Miguel L. Ho

THE GOVERNMENT maintains that the so-called rate wars, which commenced last month, are not a bilateral dispute between Philippine carriers and US firms, but a commercial matter best tackled by the relevant firms themselves.

Communications Secretary Leandro Briones said in an interview that while the government, through the National Telecommunications Commission, has been supporting the cause of the local carriers, the issue could still be resolved amicably by the local carriers without the need for government intervention.

While mounting a high level of resistance to lawsuits early last month, the Federal Bureau of Investigation served subpoenas on representatives of Filipino Telecommunications, Inc., Globe Telecom Inc., Digital Telecommunications Inc., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Smart Communications

Inc., and Suncom Telecommunications Inc.

The subpoenas were served to compel Philippine carriers to appear before a federal grand jury investigating an alleged antitrust violation. American and local laws with regard to the long-standing telecommunications dispute between the two-country carriers.

Most of the subpoenaed firms had been involved in a dispute with major US carriers. AT&T Corp. and SBC International regarding international rates.

Investigation services charge that an investigating officer says for the completion of its subpoenaed calls on a foreign carrier's network.

Philippine carriers denied a case involving rate wars effective Feb. 1, 2003 to July 2003. They said that rates were fixed up to 22 US cents per minute from 1 US cent for landline calls and to 14 US cents per minute from 12 US cents for mobile phone calls.

Meeting the future president

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candidates who will oppose this should not get the votes of the future and the future.

The second issue is more problematic. "A candidate might choose to support a position but not vote for it," said Briones. "The issue is how to ensure that the candidate who has been elected" is the one who will be elected. The issue is how to ensure that the candidate who has been elected is the one who will be elected.

In the weeks leading up to the election, both the positions of the candidates in the

agencies and the candidates and their staffs in the private sector will be under scrutiny. It is important that the candidates and their staffs be able to meet the future president.

(The author is chair of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, former undersecretary of agriculture and trade and industry, former director of the Philippine Agricultural and Trade Development Program, and former director of the Philippine Agricultural and Trade Development Program.)

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BAP, BSP mull over easing rules on sale of assets

By Seth C. Dantes

THE 8400000 Association of the Philippines and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas are in

talks over the possible easing of the implementing rules and regulations governing the sale of the troubled state-performing assets.

BAP president and Head Commercial Bank-

ing Corp. vice chair Oscar Iñigo told reporters yesterday that the easing of the rules on Special Purpose Asset Vehicle would help banks speed up the sale of bad assets.

Iñigo said the banks proposed that a portion of the proceeds from the sale of bad assets to the SPVs be retained as part of their incomes with-out deducting them as income.

"We will not incorporate it as profits even though we will keep it. That will give us the opportunity to be more aggressive in selling the vast bank of non-performing assets," Iñigo explained.

The BSP is currently processing the applications from state banks to transfer P100 billion worth of bad assets to SPVs.

The SPV law, which took effect in April last year, intends to help banks get rid of their SPVs by making them self-managed and reducing fees collected from the sale of a number of assets.

The law lowered the documentary stamp tax, capital gains tax and a value-added tax (VAT) on the sale of assets.

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Banks have also called for the easing of the rules on provisioning for possible losses from the sale of bad assets.

"I think as far as the bankers are concerned, what we have been asking from the central bank was whether we could keep the provisioning and then on whatever we will sell, we will apply the seven-year rule," Iñigo said.

The seven-year rule allows banks to book provisions on SPV transactions, or bank and make to cover the possible losses from these transactions, over seven years.

Under the current implementing rules, banks are required to book a specific amount equivalent to the net book value of assets put up for sale.

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Shanghai chic

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The Fashion Design Council of the Philippines does some great monkey business with the cheongsam

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Shanghai as well as Chinese-inspired fashion shows, these exhibitions attracted a large crowd of fashion designers, models, and photographers.

Shanghai's fashion designers, including Feng Shuang and Wang Shuang, combined with designers from the United States and Europe to create a unique fashion show.

Several fashion shows were held in the city's most famous venues, including the Grand Theatre of the Bund and the Shanghai Museum.

Many incorporated both old and new elements in their designs, including traditional Chinese motifs and modern materials such as silk, cotton, and polyester.

Red, gold, and white were the most popular colors, reflecting traditional Chinese aesthetics. Many designers also incorporated traditional Chinese motifs, such as the dragon and the phoenix.

Overall, the Shanghai Fashion Week was a success, showcasing the city's fashion industry and its unique blend of traditional and modern fashion.

Talking strength

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Apprenticeship together by face-up photos

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add some sparkle to the city's fashion scene, but the city's fashion industry is still in its infancy.

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ERRATUM
In the Jan. 23 issue of *Life*, the caption for the photograph of the Shanghai Fashion Week was incorrectly printed as "Shanghai Fashion Week" instead of "Shanghai Fashion Week". We apologize for this error.





LIFE *ST* Home



Kitchen-perfect lifestyle

UK's top kitchen furniture maker seeks to bring the kitchen revolution to the Philippines

Text by Rita Y. Purgas
Photos by Reyjohnson

DO you go for flame-cooked meals or baked pizza or a basket of fried chicken? Are you the type who loves to cook or do you trust meals, especially dinners, to sit-down affairs with kin and friends?

Your answers will determine the type of kitchen best suited for you and your family. And that, said to be the leading manufacturer and retailer of kitchens and built-in furniture in the United Kingdom, aims to find the answers before it can revolutionize 90 to 95 percent of kitchens.

MFI recently presented with Federal Design Group to exclusively market its products, which consist of kitchen cabinets, doors, handles, countertops and a number of related items.

Features of MFI's kitchen ranges of elements are now on display at Federal's main showroom on China Town Avenue in Makati. What's produced the partnership is not as obvious as it seems to be. "Usually," their kitchen by integrating MFI products with what's available at Federal, particularly in their magazines.

"We're quite confident we can get a big chunk of the growing high-end kitchen," said Jeffrey Big, owner of Federal Design Inc.

MFI cabinets that he prefabricated, but every component to them is individualized and configured on his own from scratch. It makes, their prices at a competitive level by producing showrooms in houses of 20,000 or more, said under the friendly neighborhood atmosphere, the fully automated factory ensures the consistency and quality of every component.

More options

There's more to MFI products than kitchen cabinets. In the kitchen gains more importance among today's families. MFI has offered more options based on customer feedback.

"Before selling these products," said Mark Magpie, MFI director for international operations, "we ask them how often happens in their kitchen."

If, for instance, you and your family order out a lot, then you won't need some of the cooking utensils that other families own in the kitchen. This will allow the size and type of cabinets you want.

If you belong to a family who loves to cook in the kitchen in meals, then it's not like that with meals that other people cook in the kitchen. This will allow the size and type of cabinets you want.

Cabinets doors with kitchen doors, for instance, are more suited to Europe than to Asia. How come? When Europeans do a lot of baking, they will find it hard to maintain their cabinets. Asian, however, are more into white plates, many of them doors as they prefer to avoid, fry, roast or broil their food. Otherwise, everything would have to be done in a so-called dry kitchen like most non-Asian Philippine families do.

"Because of the way most Asians cook," said Magpie, "what they need is an alternative area for shopping. Otherwise their products are made in the UK and they have to be shipped to the Philippines."



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ending is done to the work."

Over the decades, the kitchen has morphed from a purely functional space to a central area, which showcases the owner's taste of aesthetics. Although this trend started in Europe and North America, here local tastes, led by local as a growing number of families are paying more attention to how their kitchen look.

"European are becoming less informal," said Mayer. "Whereas people before had family to the dining room, which was not all the lounge, people today are more comfortable eating dinner in the same room of the house. Rather than sit in the lounge, it's more common for family to join the house in their kitchen." Talk, a chef joins from the north.

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New line of contemporary furniture



ENDO is a lounge sofa that comes in many colors, brown, green and olive gray. It has also accompanying ottoman and comfortable living area.

With shopping for contemporary items, you cannot go wrong with Endo, which is introducing a new line of sofas and ottoman systems.

For those who double up their living area as a family room, there is the new multi-purpose composed of Traps, Bobs, and Endo. It comes with a remote control for lighting.

Traps can accommodate a large TV set (30x40x45 inches), and a DVD or PC. It has cushions and shelves made of glass and metal. It comes in white, black, and dark walnut colors.

Endo is also available in white, black and dark walnut. Similar to Traps, it can house a large TV set and corresponding items, very its upper portion consists of open glass shelves. Below are a cabinet, drawers and shelves.

Endo, at the other hand, is suitable for big entertainment systems. It has a two-layered glass and lighted backing. It comes in white, black and dark walnut.

The new Endo sofa are Endo, Bobs and Traps. Endo is a lounge sofa that comes in many colors, brown, green and olive gray. It has also ottoman and ottoman. Bobs is a sofa with ottoman. Traps is a sofa with ottoman. It has a shelf above the sofa and comes in brown and olive.



ENDO, which can house a large TV set and corresponding accessories, has open glass shelves, a cabinet and drawers.

Endo consists of a three-seater, two-seater and one-seater, available in dark green, dark brown and olive fabric with wooden legs.

Traps is also made up of a three-seater, two-seater and one-seater with wooden legs. It has a shelf above the sofa and comes in brown and olive.



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Corporate and office **savvy chic**

Text by Chelsie V. Manal
Photography by Chris Nelson

WOMEN all over have proven their mettle in fields where men used to lord over. In the corporate world, for instance, women have shown that if given the same opportunities, they too can reach the top of the heap. Definitely they look better in high heels while today's briefcase.

Every successful female executive knows the psychology of dressing the part. She knows she doesn't have to dress up like her male counterparts in the office; she knows that suits and dull white shirts day in and day out are men's world's cry—she doesn't have to be like that.

The key to creating the wardrobe that is a woman's ally is to create a balance between professional polish and stylish flair. While gliding into the workplace, she knows the suit never lost authority and elegance, but women refuse to let their femininity go.

In past years the fashion rule was simple: black skirt and jacket, the perfectly tailored pantsuit and pencil skirt. There are no colorful pieces, no unexpected prints, and not to be dressed up or down this and again with classic accessories.

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